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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST STUDY ASSESSMENT

REFS: (A) NATO 8427, (B) COPENHAGEN 4999, (C) NATO 7258

1. SVART TALKED WITH ME SEPT 6 AND 7 TO CONFIRM THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EAST-WEST STUDY ASSESSMENT AND TO SUGGEST THAT WE CONSIDER PROMPTLY WHAT THE NEXT MOVES SHOULD BE REGARDING OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND HOW BEST TO PRESENT TO THE SPC THE PROPOSAL THAT HE AND ONE OR TWO OTHER ALLIED EXPERTS TAKE THE LEAD IN PREPARING THE ASSESSMENT. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING STEPS AIMED AT SECURING ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF LEAD BY SVART, AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS, IN PREPARING FIRST DRAFT OF ASSESSMENT:

-(A) THAT SVART AND AMBASSADOR APPROACH KILICK TO PROPOSE LATTER'S PARTICIPATION;

-(B) THAT SVART AND THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSS THE PROJECT

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WITH HARDY (CANADA) SUGGESTING THAT HE ELICIT AMBASSADOR FORD'S VIEWS AND KEEP HIM INFORMED AS DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. SIMULTANEOUS APPROACH BY EMBASSY OTTAWA WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO CLARIFY MATTERS WITH CANADIANS WHO, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED BY SVART, HAVE SOME CONFUSION OVER NATURE OF PROJECT. ACCORDING TO SVART, CANADIANS HAVE THE IDEA FORD WOULD BE REQUESTED TO WORK

ON PART III, IMPLICATIONS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, OUR APPROACH HAS INVOLVED THREE-MAN TEAM TO WORK ON PART II, ASSESSMENT.

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(C) ASSUMING NO OBJECTIONS FROM FORD OR KILICK, THAT KILICK AND SVART APPROACH A/SYG JUNG AND SUGGEST THAT HE PRESENT TO THE SPC THE PROPOSAL FOR A FEW ALLIED AMBASSADORS WITH SOVIET EXPERIENCE TO PREPARE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE ASSESSMENT, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DANISH, UK AND CANADIAN REPS VOLUNTEER THEIR AMBASSADORIAL EXPERTS SERVICES.

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COMMENT: WHILE WE EXPECT OTHERS WILL ACCEPT THESE PROPOSALS, ONE OR TWO MAY ALSO SUGGEST EXPERTS OF THEIR OWN. WHILE IT MAY BE AWKWARD TO TRY TO EXCLUDE AN ALLY WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE, WE BELIEVE THIS POSSIBLE PROBLEM COULD BE CONTAINED THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF SVART, KILICK AND FORD. END COMMENT

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